

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

No claims have been amended by this Amendment and Reply. Claims 23-25 remain pending in this application.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to for informalities. Applicant has amended the drawings as suggested by the Office Action thus overcoming the objections.

Specification

The Office Action indicated that the title was not descriptive, and required a new title indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Applicant has amended the title to be indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed, i.e., a “CLEANING DEVICE WITH MULTIPLE CLEANING MEMBERS FOR A DEVELOPER IMAGE CARRIER.”

Double Patenting

Claims 23-25 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,661,983 (“the ‘983 patent”). Without conceding the propriety of the above double patenting rejection, and in order to further prosecution, a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the ‘983 patent is being filed herewith under 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c). Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that the obvious-type double patenting rejection has been overcome and respectfully request that the rejection of claims 23-25 be withdrawn.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,



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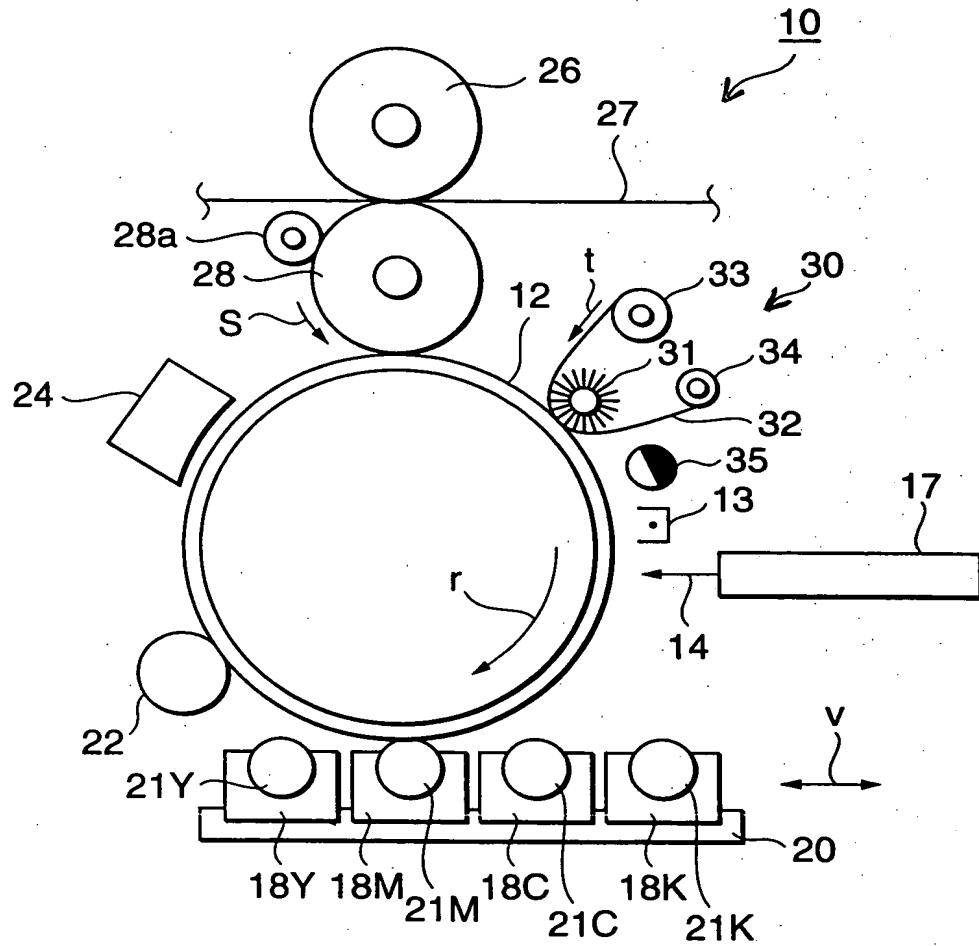


FIG. 1

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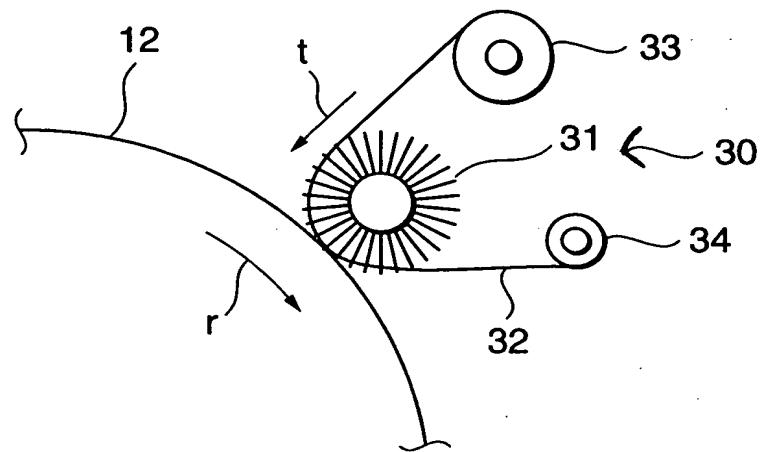


FIG.2

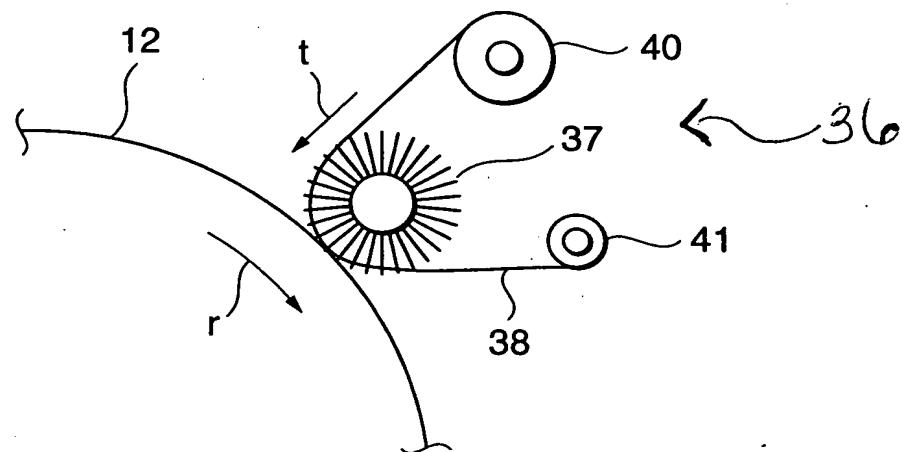


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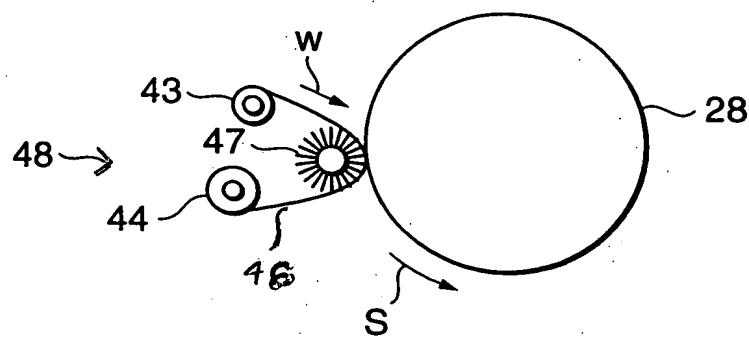


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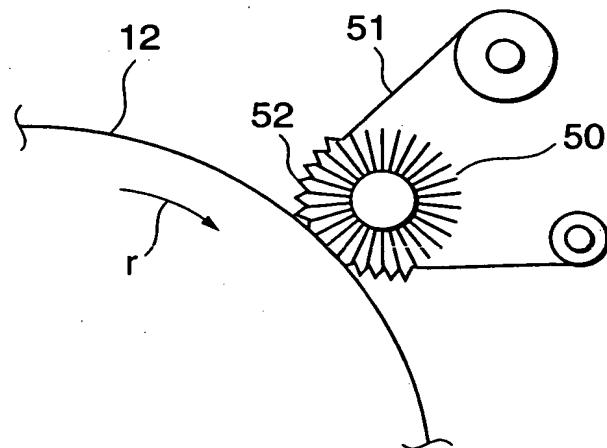


FIG.5